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- 1. A category I road with a very solid sub-grade is being built from Tangermuende (E 53/Y 84) via Fischbeck (M 53/Y 94) to Rathenow (N 53/Z 17).
- 2. A Reichsstrasse (highway) is being constructed from Rathenow via Fischbeck to Tangermuende. Present roads will be utilized for this project. The highway will have a hard surface 7.20 meters wide; it was 30 percent completed in late May 1950. The cost of this project is estimated at 4,000,000 castmarks. \*

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Comment. The project is probably designed to close a 25-km gap in Reichsstrasse No 188 between the Havel and Elbe Rivers. The completion of this road will establish a good East-West connection which has so far been lacking in this district. See Annex for sketch showing construction work. The project necessitates the reconstruction of the highway bridge over the Elbe River near Tangermuende. This bridge, which has a span of 265 meters, was destroyed at the end of the war. The reconstruction of the bridge was started early this year and, according to press reports, was two-thirds completed in late May 1950 after installation of a steel span 72 meters long. The road and bridge construction program in the Soviet cone of Germany seems to be based chiefly on military interests.

1 Annex: sketch.

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